



# A PROCLAMATION

*Discharging Forraign Copper-Coyn to be Imported or made use of  
in this Kingdom.*



*AMES* by the Grace of GOD, King of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith; To Our Lyon King at Arms, and his Brethren Heralds, Masters of Our Privy Council, Pursevants, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Greeting: Forasmuch as We Understanding that there are Copper-Coyn, Imported from Abroad, and passing in this Our Kingdom, which is a great abuse to the Nation, and prejudice to Our Mint: We therefore, with Advice of Our Privy Council, for preventing thereof, Do hereby strictly Prohibit and Discharge, all Merchants, Skippers, Marriners and others, To Import into this Kingdom, after Publication hereof, any Doyts, or other Copper-Coyn, from France, Holland, or any place from Abroad, under the pain of Confiscation thereof, the one half to Our Use, and the other half to the Discoverer, or Informer, besides what other Punishment We, or Our Council shall think fit to inflict upon the Contraveeners. And further, We Do hereby Prohibit and Discharge the foresaid Doyts, or other Copper-Coyn, from France, or Holland, or any Copper-Coyn, but what is under Our Royal Stamp, to pass within this Kingdom hereafter, or any of Our Subjects to receive the same as Coyn, as they will be answerable: And hereby Authorize, and Require all Customers, Waiters, Collectors and others, To seize upon, and appropriate to their own use, any of the said Forraign Copper-Coyn, where ever they can find, or discover the same; Requiring all Magistrates, Officers and Souldiers of Our Forces, to be concurring and assisting hereto, when required, as they will answer at their Perril; And to the end Our Pleasure in the Premises may be made Notour and Known; Our Will is, and We Charge you strictly, and Command, That incontinent, These Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-Cross of *Edinburgh*, and other places needful, and there, in Our Royal Name and Authority, by open Proclamation, make Publication of the Premises, that none pretend ignorance.

*Given under Our Signet at Edinburg, the Twentieth Day of May, One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Six Years. And of Our Reign the Second Year.*

*Per Actum Dominorum Secreti Concilij.*

WILL. PATERSON, *Clk. Sti. Concilij.*

**GOD Save the KING**

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